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TITLE:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUNDANT TRANSMISSION OVER TDMA OPTICAL NETWORKS		

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004 (Paper No. 10), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.